

MEMORANDUM

TO: Air Pollution Control Advisory Board

FROM: Chris Schroeder, Environmental Public Health Supervisor – Air Quality Program

DATE: May 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Adoption of Policy Number 205.16: Fugitive Dust Investigation and Enforcement
Proposed Adoption of Policy Number 205.17: Outdoor Air Pollution Nuisance Investigation and Enforcement

SUMMARY: These new policies have been written to address the various steps necessary to thoroughly and consistently investigate and enforce air quality regulations pertaining to visible fugitive dust and air pollution nuisances. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) Air Quality Program receives frequent complaints regarding such matters, and the associated air pollution can present a threat to the public's health.

These policies are necessary to:

- Establish the proper steps to be followed during complaint intake and investigation;
- Clarify the necessary information to be gathered and documented; and
- Better define the circumstances under which the Air Quality Program should pursue formal enforcement against alleged violators.

These policies will lead to more consistent enforcement of air regulations by providing staff with clear processes to follow during complaint response and investigation. The proposed policies, which are specific in regard to the nature of the complaint, provide specific and comprehensive guidance for complaint resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The LLCHD Air Quality Program recommends approval of these policies.